

The Twister

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March 2nd, 2012 was a devastating time, unimaginable destruction passed through the small town of Salyersville Kentucky. Thankfully though, no one as killed.

The damage that the tornado has caused in Magoffin County is tremendous, but here are some of the things that effected me during the tornado power outage, my sister is scared of storms now, we have to go to middle school in the high school.

Before the tornado happened my family was watching the weather channel. We saw that the tornado was headed towards Magoffin then the TV went out, we had no idea if it was going to actually come towards us because we get tornado warnings all the time, but it happened so often that we ignored them..... Maybe this time we shouldn't have. We went next door to my aunts' house, we lit some candles and mamma started to pray that we would be ok and that my cousin Keisha would be ok (who at the time was in a freezer in McDonald's taking cover). My mom had called someone to see if she was ok all they told her was that Mc. Donald's had been hit, but everyone was ok that wasn't good enough for my mom. So she drove down there she had to walk half of the way because the roads were covered in debris she asked an officer if Keisha was ok and he checked and found that she was fine. Later on mom came back and she said that she wasn't allowed past part of the road so an officer

brought Keisha back home. She was so shaken up and crying. After that she was too scared to work at Mc. Donald's whenever bad weather is predicted.

The next morning a women came from the apartment office and said that we couldn't stay there without electricity so we packed some clothes and stayed at my mamma's house until they had fixed our electricity.

The day before the tornado struck Magoffin we had a tornado drill at school. My sister came home and asked my mom if we were really going to have a tornado and of course the answer was always "no". Before the tornado happened that day the weather was all messed up in the morning it was cold and then when we went to recess it was warm then cold and then like and hour before the tornado hit it turned warm again. My sister Lexi has been afraid of storms since that time.

When the tornado hit it took out some of the high school (that was later repaired). The grade school was damaged enough to send those students to another building for the next school year. The middle school however, was completely destroyed. So, they send those students to share the building with the high school students. That's where I am now. Sharing a building with students ranging from 7th grade to 12th grade. Going to the high school and being a middle school student is difficult, we eat lunch at 10:10. We are the only school in the county that eats that early, we share bathrooms with the high school, we have half of the building, there announcements interrupt our classes. The list goes on. But, we made the best of it.

Bottom line, the tornado had a lot of effects on Magoffin County, but we all worked together through the damage to make the town whole again. It may have broken a few boards, but not our spirit.